good in themselves, which will tend to recall the deed just because it has excited the mind; and the deed recalled calls forth a condemnation by the conscience, followed by painful emotions; and speedily as they rise, there will be an attempt to drive them away just because they are distracting. The aversion to the contemplation of an unpleasant event will lead the individual to mingle in such scenes, that the objects presented to the eye may carry away the mind to other topics; or he will endeavour so to change the train of association, that more pleasing thoughts may rise up before the mind. The attempts made to expel the evil serve only to exasperate it. The studious endeavours to bury the sin in oblivion will just turn it up the more frequently to have a new and farther sentence pronounced upon it by the conscience, and the sentence will be followed up by those avenging feelings which wait upon the conscience as the officers of its court of justice,

The struggle is now thickened, and other parties are involved in its fearful and all-absorbing eddies and whirlpools. When the governing power of the soul Las lost its authority, the appetites and affections of the mind will follow each its own impulse; and all will become unsettled and disordered, as in a country where there is no government, and every man does that which is right in his own eyes. Every lust and appetite now seeks its gratification, and acknowledges no authority to control it. The love of happiness, good in itself, and when properly guided, now becomes a blind chase after pleasure of every kind. The sensibility is dried up when it ought to flow, and forthwith comes "like a wide rushing in of waters/' when it should be restrained. The benevolent affections refuse to embrace certain objects to which they ought to be directed, and flow out towards others in the streams of a doting and capricious love. The intellectual faculties, before employed in seeking after truth

and in devising good, are now exercised in contriving means of banishing the recollection of sin, and gratifying the unrestrained feelings. And there is another element which now comes into play. Since sin has been committed, and condemnation pronounced, it is thought that a few more offences may not much aggravate the guilt, or place the sinner in a much worse condition ; and sins coine to be knowingly and wilfully committed. The malignant passions now come out as beasts of prey do in the night, and